The Reserve Bank of India has liberalised credit facilities to roller flour mills and it is hoped that this will help roller flour mills to make adequate purchases from farmers.

The procurement price of wheat be marketed during 1990-91 season has been raised from Rs. 200/- per quintal to Rs. 215/- per quintal. The higher procurement price is expected to give an incentive to farmers for increasing production.

Opening of F.P.S. in States

225. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minster of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts where fair price shops have not yet been opened at all the block levels; Statewise; and

(b) whether in addition to ration and kerosene oil, Janata cloth and first-aid items also are being/would be made available at all fair price shops even in remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Though the data relating to the total number of fair price shops functioning in each State and U.T. is available, Block-wise/District-wise information is not maintained by the Central Government. The total number of fair price shops in the country as on 30th September, 1989 is over 3.5 lakhs.

(b) The Janata Cloth Scheme is vogue envisages that at least 85 per cent of the Cloth produced should be distributed through the outlets of PDS/Apex Consumer Cooperatives/Consumer Federations or such agencies approved by the Central Government. There is no proposal to supply first-aid items through fair price shops.

Formulation of National Wage Policy

226. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Wage Policy to bridge the gap between the pay of Central Government employees and public sector employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No Sir, no Wage Policy to bridge the gap between the pay of Central Government employees and public sector employees is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Allocation of Funds for NCR

227. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which had appeared in the Hindustan Times of 14th April, 1990 under the caption "Poor allocation for NCR";

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make available sufficient funds for the NCR;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what further steps Government have taken to make NCR more developed in view of the growing population?